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SUBJECT: THE DRV AND THE PRG RECEIVE A GUIDED TOUR

THE FOLLOWING SENT SAIGON FRON CAN THO 27 MAR 73 REPEATED
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1. LTC DO OF THE GVN JMC IN CAN THO TELLS ME THAT ON
SATURDAY, 24 MARCH, HE OBTAINED PERMISSION FROM MR IV CG,
MG NGHI, TO GIVE THE DRV AND PRG DELEGATES TO REGION VII
A TOUR OF DOWNTOWN CAN THO. DO PICKED THE DAY SINCE HE
FELT PRE- FARMERS' DAY CAN THO WOULD BE ESPECIALLY ATTRACTIVE,
NICELY FLAG AND SLOGAN COVERED.

2. THE TWO DELEGATIONS ACCEPTED ON THE CONDITION THAT
THEIR SECURITY COULD BE ASSURED. THEY SENT EIGHT OFFICERS
IN UNIFORM. DO ASSIGNED ONE OF HIS MEN AS AN ESCORT FOR
EACH DRV AND PRG OFFICER. THE PARTY TRAVELED THROUGH CAN
THO FOR OVER AN HOUR AND A HALF AND WAS GIVEN FULL OPPOR-
TUNITY TO SEE ALL THE COLORFUL PREPARATIONS FOR THE FARMERS'

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DAY HOLIDAY.

3. AT THE END OF THE TOUR A LOWER RANKING OFFICER COMMENTED TO ONE OF DO'S OFFICERS PRIVATELY THAT LIVING CONDITIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM WERE MUCH BETTER THAN THOSE THE PEOPLE ENJOYED IN THE NORTH,1

4. DO WAS EXTREMELY HAPPY WITH HIS COUP, AS REPORTEDLY WAS MG NGHI. NGHI GAVE DO PERMISSION TO TAKE THE SAME GROUP ON A TOUR OF THE FAIR GROUNDS WHICH WERE SET UP FOR FARMERS' DAY. DO COMMENTED THAT THIS FORM OF EXPOSURE WAS JUST WHAT THE GVN NEEDED BUT THAT HE HAD HAD DIFFICULTY IN CONVINCING HIS SUPERIORS OF ITS WISDOM.

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